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1. An encrypting security device comprising:
a security photograph incorporating a multiplicity of picture elements;
5 a program initialized to recognize the security photograph and allow access to an associated apparatus;
a scanner connected with the program.
2. The encrypting security device of claim 1, wherein the associated apparatus is a
10 computer or computer program.
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3. The encrypting security device of claim 1, wherein the associated apparatus is a vehicle.
4. The encrypting security device of claim 1, wherein the associated apparatus is a safe or cash register.
- 15 5. The encrypting security device of claim 1, wherein the associated apparatus is the locking or alarm system of a building.
6. The encrypting security device of claim 1, wherein the security photograph is an enlargement of the center of a gemstone.
7. The encrypting security device of claim 1, wherein the security photograph is an enlargement of any suitable structure.
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8. A method of securing access to an apparatus, the method comprising:
taking a photograph of an object;
scanning the photograph;
initializing a program to recognize a scan of the photograph and to require a
25 user to scan the photograph to access the apparatus.
9. The method described in claim 8, wherein the step of taking a photograph comprises using a microscope and producing an enlarged photograph of the object.
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